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7.01 SELECTION OF POTENTIAL RESIDENTS

a. Candidates for CRC (Community Residential Care) placement should meet the criteria found in chapter 1, paragraph 1.02a.

b. A completed VA Form 10-2406, Recommendation for Release of Patient to Home Other than His Own, should be submitted.

c. Candidates for CRC placement must have sufficient resources to meet the cost of care and other incidental needs.

d. Veterans must be capable of self preservation in case of emergency with minimal assistance. This should be documented in the discharge statement.

e. All potential residents should be medically and psychiatrically stable. They must not be a danger to themselves or others and should demonstrate behavior that is acceptable for community living.

f. All residents must be agreeable to program and house rules and regulations.

7.02 PLACEMENT OF RESIDENTS

a. At the time of placement, a discharge statement must be developed and include the following areas:

- (1) Psychosocial assessment
- (2) Rationale for placement
- (3) Statement of needed care

b. The social worker(s) assigned to the CRC Program will assist the patient in the final selection of a CRC facility and arrange for the placement.

c. Pertinent medical and social data will be shared with the provider with the written consent of the veteran or the individual legally empowered to provide such consent for the veteran.

d. The placement process will be fully documented in the veteran's medical file.

e. Placements made by one medical center into another medical center's program will be coordinated through the follow-up medical center. All arrangements will be made prior to placement.

7.03 FOLLOW-UP

a. The program coordinator will assure that each resident and provider is visited at least monthly by a VA health care professional. Residents who have special needs should be seen more frequently as determined in their statements of needed care, or as their care needs change. Other team members, particularly nursing, should also visit the residents or CRC facilities as needed, or in conjunction with a special needs situation.

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b. Veterans in the program will receive an annual physical examination in accordance with the provisions of M-1, part I, chapter 17.

c. Veterans in the program will be maintained on an appropriate Outpatient Status.

d. All veterans in the CRC Program will be granted expeditious readmission to the followup VA medical center when necessary, subject to the individual veteran's priority for care.

e. All followup visits require documentation of visit and appropriate statistical accounting.

7.04 DISCHARGE FROM CRC Program

a. Veterans will be discharged from the CRC Program under the following conditions, discussed in greater detail in subparagraphs b., c., and d.:

- (1) Transfer to another level of care
- (2) Voluntary Discharge
- (3) Successful Placement
- (4) Death

b. The appropriate VA staff member will record in the patient treatment file the type of discharge and relevant information.

c. A voluntary discharge occurs when the veteran no longer desires follow-up monitoring services by VA staff or when the veteran decides to move to a non-VA approved facility.

d. A successful placement discharge occurs when the veteran has become integrated into the home and the community to the degree that a new set of social supports have replaced the monitoring activities of VA staff. Recommendations for a successful placement discharge will be initiated by the program coordinator in consultation with other team members. A review of the veteran's need for continued monitoring should occur annually in conjunction with the annual physical examination, described in paragraph 7.03b.